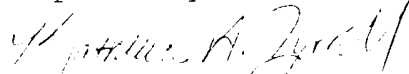


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is added by these amendments and entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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In the Specification:

The first paragraph of page 79, beginning at line 4, has been amended as follows:

Probes and primers to human Damage-specific DNA binding protein 1, p127 were designed to hybridize to a human Damage-specific DNA binding protein 1, p127 sequence, using published sequence information (GenBank accession number NM\_001923.1, incorporated herein as SEQ ID NO:3). For human Damage-specific DNA binding protein 1, p127 the PCR primers were:

forward primer: TCACACCGAGCGGAAGACA (SEQ ID NO: 4)

reverse primer: AATATCCAGGAACTCTCAATCAAGTC (SEQ ID NO: 5) and the PCR probe was: FAM-AACCAGCCACAGGTTTCATCGACGG-TAMRA

(SEQ ID NO: 6) where FAM (PE-Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA) is the fluorescent reporter dye and TAMRA (PE-Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA) is the quencher dye. For human GAPDH the PCR primers were:

forward primer: GAAGGTGAAGGTCGGAGTC (SEQ ID NO: 7)

reverse primer: GAAGATGGTGATGGGATTTTC (SEQ ID NO: 8) and the PCR probe was: 5' JOE-CAAGCTTCCCGTTCTCAGCC\*- TAMRA 3' (SEQ ID NO: 9)

where JOE (PE-Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA) is the

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